

PORTLAND HARBOR CAG
JUNE 5, 2002
800 NE OREGON STREET
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

INTRODUCTIONS

Participants:

Pamela Brown, Portland Public Schools
Jacque Day Calder, Citizen
Tom Chisholm, Citizen
Cathy Crawford, University Park Neighborhood Association/Oregon League of Women Voters
Bud Hartman, Oregon Bass and Panfish Club
Ron Hernandez, Citizen
Joe Keating, Oregon Center for Environmental Health
Rhett Lawrence, OSPIRG
Libby McCulley, Willamette Riverkeeper
Tom McInnis, Waterfront Organization of Oregon
Chris Mongrain, Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association
Kevin Odell, Environmental Justice Action Group
Xander Patterson, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
Dorothy Shoemaker, Sierra Club
Larry Talbert, Hinoon Neighborhood Association
Lasamee Xiong, Hmong Association of Oregon
Thao Xiong, Hmong Association of Oregon
Billy Washington, Environmental Justice Action Group
Travis Williams, Willamette Riverkeeper
Diane Wyers, Citizen

Others:

Kim Cox, DEQ
Barbara Smith, Lower Willamette Group
Katy Tobey, Port of Portland

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the May 8, 2002, meeting were approved unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

The group continued the membership discussion from the last meeting. The major question continues to be what is adequate representation by interested parties. Oregon Panfish Club's participation provides representation by a significant recreation interest – club has a membership of more than 300. The Hmong Association reaches out to a very diverse community and the group agreed that their participation is very important.

Joe mentioned that Cindy Sherrer from Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe is interested in participating on the recreation side.

Travis gave a brief synopsis of the CAG for the new people. It was agreed that a “starter packet” should be provided to new CAG members including the EPA’s information on CAGs. The EPA information can be accessed at www.epa.gov/superfund/cag/whatis.

The group divided themselves up into the categories agreed on at the May meeting. Each person identified the group they were representing, if any, and the category they felt was most appropriate for them. It was agreed that there should be a Public Health category added.

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance
Cathy Crawford
Larry Talbert

Business:

Chris Mongrain
Steve Gunther

Recreation:

Bud Hartman
Dianne Wyers
Tom McInnis

Environment:

Dorothy Shoemaker
Billy Washington
Rhett Lawrence

Public Health:

Travis Williams
Joe Keating
Thao Xiong

At Large:

Xander Patterson
Ron Hernandez
Kevin Odell
Jacque Day Calder
Pamela Brown

The group agreed that we had adequate representation and should begin moving forward with the flexibility to allow new members if appropriate. Xander pointed out that the importance of defining the structure is that it demonstrates inclusiveness. The group also emphasized that this is the voting membership – these are open meetings and everyone is welcome to participate.

VOTING STRUCTURE

The group reaffirmed the original structure of striving for consensus with voting as a fall back measure when consensus cannot be reached. The structure for voting – including the threshold required for a vote – will be determined at the next meeting.

Cathy suggested that we need to follow Oregon's rules for open meetings. The group agreed that this was not true as it is not funded by state or federal funds. The TAG grant held by Willamette Riverkeeper does not fund the CAG. However, the group agreed that groundrules will be needed. The group will begin establishing these at the next meeting.

OTHER ISSUES

Pam asked about technical resources that are available to the group. Travis discussed resources from EPA, DEQ, and Regina Skarzinskas, Willamette Riverkeeper's toxicologist contracted through the Technical Assistance Grant, who are available to answer questions and provide information. The group should decide on information needs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will consist of one hour of presentation and one hour of discussion on groundrules, voting structure, and work plan.

The group discussed educational needs. Ron suggested that speakers should provide historical perspective to bring everyone up to speed on the history of the contamination of the site.

Travis suggested that Chip Humphrey from the EPA would be able to provide this perspective. Travis will speak to him about speaking at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be:

JULY 10

6-8 P.M.

800 NE OREGON ST (SAME LOCATION)